

Pictured is the slave dwelling located at Magnolia Grove, an historic property of the Alabama Historical Commission. Enslaved carpenters and builders constructed both this dwelling and the owner's house, which is a classic Greek Revival house with finely crafted architectural details. The contrast between the simplicity of the slave house and the elaborate design of the property owner's house illustrate the inequality that enslaved people at Magnolia Grove experienced daily. Together, these buildings at Magnolia Grove present our state's complex history. The AHC restored this dwelling in 2014 with the assistance of a Save America's Treasures grant from the National Park Service.

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SLAVE DWELLINGS PROJECT

The AHC is currently spearheading an exciting project "Architecture of the Enslaved: Documenting Alabama's Slave Dwellings." Through a grant from the National Park Service, this project will collect research and National Register documentation on the places and buildings where enslaved Alabamians lived. In 2020, the AHC selected Jobie Hill, a nationally recognized expert on slave housing and founder of Saving Slave Houses, to complete this project. For additional information about Architecture of the Enslaved: Documenting Alabama's Slave Dwellings, you can visit the project website at https://ahc.alabama.gov/slavedwellingsurvey.aspx, or contact Evelyn Causey at 334.230.2696 or Evelyn.Causey@ahc.alabama.gov.